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FIRE STARTED FROM A STOVE
Another Fatal Midnight Conflagration
in Michigan—Cotton Warehouse
in Bremen Half Destroyed.

WEST BRANCH, Mich., May 4.—Four small children were burned to death last night in the home of Martin Campbell, eight miles from here on a branch of the Michigan Central railway. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had gone to a dance a mile away from their home, leaving their six little ones locked in the house. They left a big fire in the stove, and in some manner this ignited the house, which was destroyed with its contents.
The children were awakened by the flames and the two oldest, aged eight and ten, managed to escape in their night clothes. The four smaller ones perished in the flames. The parents are prostrated over the tragedy.
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., May 4.—In a midnight fire that destroyed the home of Mrs. Frank Telford, at Hopkins station, a few miles south of here, Thomas Corning, aged twenty-seven years, was burned to death, and Mrs. Telford and her daughter Sadie, aged thirteen, suffered fatal burns. The family was asleep when the fire was discovered.

BREMEN, May 4.—A violent storm pelted here, and fire has broken out in the free zone warehouse, containing 10,000 bales of cotton, half of which has already been burned. The high wind is spreading the flames.
The custom house and fire department within the free zone are on fire, the building occupied by the firm of Anton Guntter has been destroyed, and the warehouse of Clausen & Wetling is burning.

MANY SHRINERS HURT.

Serious Railroad Accident Near the Raton Tunnel.

RATON, N. M., May 4.—Westbound Santa Fe passenger train No. 1 was wrecked Wednesday night twenty miles south of Raton by the breaking of an axle under the engine tender.
Twelve passengers were injured, ten seriously, but not fatally.
The train carried many Shriners en route to Los Angeles. Two hundred and eight passengers on the train were thrown into a pile by the wreck. Alexander Jeweler of Los Angeles was hurt, one hand being crushed. Two of the passengers were taken to the hospital at Las Vegas. Traffic was delayed fifteen hours and the loss to rolling stock amounted to \$7,500.
Some of the passengers in their excitement jumped through windows and were cut by glass.

DENNETT OUT ON BAIL.

Loan Clerk Douglas Is Still Locked Up.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Oliver M. Dennett, the broker who was in connection with the Trust Company of America bond robbery, and who has been in the Tombs for more than a week, was released on bail today. Bail was placed at \$10,000 when Dennett was arraigned several days ago, and this amount in cash was furnished today as surety. W. O. Douglas, the assistant loan clerk of the Trust Company of America, who is charged with having taken the bonds from the bank, is still a prisoner. His bail also was fixed at \$10,000.

NOTABLE CHINESE COMING.

Army and Navy Officers Shown Over Fort Leavenworth.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., May 4.—The four Chinese army and navy officers who are guests of the nation en route to the Jamestown exposition were shown about the garrison at Fort Leavenworth today by Gen. Charles B. Hall, commandant of the service schools, who had been asked by the War Department to extend to them the courtesies due to distinguished visitors. They visited the garrison and cavalry school and staff college.
Following a reception this afternoon the Chinese officers will leave at 5:30 o'clock for Rock Island, Ill., where they will inspect the arsenal.

TO GO TO THE COURTS.

Chicago Rights Over the Calumet River to Be Ascertained.

The Chicago delegation, headed by Gov. Deneen, which came here to invite the government to institute proceedings enjoining the sanitary district of Chicago from continuing the project of reversing the flow of the waters of the Calumet river, which is a part of the drainage canal scheme, was successful in its undertaking. Secretary Taft, representing the government in the matter of protecting the waters of the great lakes, today promised to bring the desired lawsuit.
The purpose of the conference here today was to bring about a settlement of the great status of the project. Notice had been given by the War Department that objections would be raised against reversing the waters of the Calumet river, which is a navigable stream, and the sanitary district of Chicago then asked for a permit to proceed with the work. The permit was refused, and the district prepared to continue without the permit. In order to determine the rights of the city before spending too much money, it was agreed that the matter should be taken into the courts. Secretary Taft today assented to that course, and the necessary petition will be prepared at once and filed in the United States circuit court at Chicago.
About \$15,000,000 will be expended on the project should Chicago win its legal proceedings. Already \$500,000 of that amount has been used. The delegation was composed of Gov. Deneen, R. R. McCormick, president of E. C. Lindley, attorney, John Randolph, chief engineer of the sanitary district, and Representative Foss of Illinois. During the conference Secretary Taft had with him Gen. Mackenzie, chief of engineers of the War Department.

BRYAN ON THE LAWYERS.

Views of Legal Profession Not Altogether Very Favorable.

CHICAGO, May 4.—William Jennings Bryan, told 300 Chicago lawyers last night what he thinks of the legal profession in America. The picture, on the whole, was not a bright one.
As a graduate of the old Union College of Law, which has since become the Northwestern University Law School, Mr. Bryan attended the annual dinner of the graduates of the institution. The title of his address was "The Price of a Soul."
"I believe," he said in conclusion, "that the day will come in this country when we will not have so many men who will sell their souls to make grand larceny possible. Perhaps some time it will not be less disgraceful for a lawyer to assist in a gigantic robbery than a highwayman to go out and hold up the wayfarer. I knew of a case recently in which they had to go to New York to get lawyers to represent the people because all the lawyers available here at hand had been bought up."

HUGHES' LAWYER A SUICIDE.

Shot Himself on a Hudson River Boat Last Night.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Ernest W. Huffcutt, legal adviser to Gov. Hughes, committed suicide on the steamship C. W. Morse, which left Albany last night for New York. The body was found on the vessel's upper deck. On the floor beside it lay a revolver, and near it partially burned cigarette. No one has been found who heard the shot which ended the man's life. At first the body was not identified, but its description and the finding of the initials "W. H." in the man's hat furnished clues to the suicide's identity.

JAY GOULD BEATS MILES.

Defeats the English Champion in an Uphill Match.

LONDON, May 4.—Jay Gould of New York today won the championship match of the international amateur club tennis tournament at the Queen's Club, defeating Eustace H. Miles, holder of the title. Score: 6-4, 3-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.
In the last set, when the score was 5-3, the American suffered from a cramp in his arm and the game was stopped for a few moments.

THE LABOR SITUATION.

OUTLOOK AT SAN FRANCISCO NOT PARTICULARLY BRIGHT.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—The outlook in the labor situation here is not particularly bright, and no chance for an immediate settlement of any of the questions now involved is at present apparent. The telephone strike has crippled the service, and last night the whole system had practically come to a standstill. The operators are now securing support from all directions, and it is feared that the linemen will go out on a sympathetic strike, which will still further complicate the situation. In the case of the emergency hospitals it has been found necessary to dispatch mounted police to act as messengers, and general business has been seriously affected.
In the stock markets a decline followed the suspension of the service. So far no disturbance amounting to anything has accompanied the strike.

Arbitration Abandoned.

The iron workers are still firm in their demands, and the proposition for a settlement by arbitration has now been abandoned owing to the negative position taken by the trade council.
The carmen will meet tomorrow to vote on the question of the threatened strike. The men are standing by their demand for \$1 and an eight-hour day, while the carmen are still firm in their position that the rate established by the board of arbitration is the limit beyond which it will not go. The outlook generally considered unfavorable for any pacific settlement of the difficulties, and the worst is feared.

THE PHILADELPHIA DISPUTE.

Situation Involving the Bricklayers and Masons Unchanged.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., May 4.—The labor situation in this city, involving the lockout of the union bricklayers, their laborers and the stonemasons, aggregating about 2,500 workmen, is unchanged today. The dispute arose out of the contention of the masons, who are affiliated with the bricklayers' union, that they and not the granite cutters should be employed to set dressed stone. This claim has long been disputed by the granite cutters, who are supported by the employers.
The Allied Building Trades Council, the governing body of all building trade unions in this city, has appointed an emergency committee to sound the various unions on the question of a sympathetic strike in support of the stand taken by the bricklayers and masons. The committee will report at a meeting of the council to be held Monday night. If the committee reports that the members of the various unions favor giving moral support to the bricklayers, a general sympathetic strike is said to be inevitable. A general strike will involve 30,000 workmen.

HIS PARDON RECOMMENDED.

Reports to Attorney General on January's Case.

The Department of Justice has received reports from present District Attorney Embury at Oklahoma in the case of William January, alias Anderson, recently rearrested in Kansas City, and also from the trial judge and the district attorney who reported in January nine years ago. They each recommend his pardon. The Attorney General, however, is at his home in Baltimore and is not expected to return to Washington until next Tuesday. The papers may be forwarded to him there and if so it is likely that a report will be made to the President as early as Monday, when January's pardon will immediately follow.

Eloping Pastor and Woman Not Found.

PEEKSKILL, N. Y., May 4.—The man and woman who have been under surveillance in a hotel here on suspicion that they were Jere K. Cooke, the former Hertsford, L. I. minister, and Miss Florentia Whaley have been identified as a Fourteenth Avenue business man and his daughter.

Gen. Hudson Hopelessly Ill.

TOPEKA, Kan., May 4.—Gen. Joseph K. Hudson, who is ill at his home here, was reported to be slightly weaker this morning. The physician stated that all hope of recovery has been given up. The end may come at any time. Gen. Hudson had been unconscious since late yesterday.



THE FIRST LAP OF THE TRIAL HEAT.

WANTS POLICIES SUPPORTED

THE PRESIDENT'S INTEREST IN STATE CONVENTIONS.

Will Urge His Friends to See That His Administration Is Indorsed.

There is high political authority for the statement that President Roosevelt is convinced that he cannot accept another nomination in the circumstances, but he will not discourage the public adulation of himself and his policies, hoping at the proper time to divert that sentiment to a candidate who can be depended upon to continue the policies of the administration.
To that end, it is said, the President will urge his friends to see that state conventions indorse his administration and declare that the nomination of the republican national convention shall be a man who is in accord with the purposes of the administration. The "Roosevelt strength," thus proposed to be built up, is to be delivered as circumstances may warrant to the suitable candidate at the appropriate time.

It is reported that the President hopes that the republican state convention in Pennsylvania for the nomination of a state treasurer, which will be the first of this year's conventions, will adopt a resolution of the character indicated. It is declared in high political quarters that this is a concession to the republican negotiating with Pennsylvania republicans of prominence with a view to give the administration a clear field in the state convention.

There is strong sentiment among Pennsylvania republicans, however, adverse to a declaration upon national policies by this convention assembled for purely state business. Furthermore, there is a "favorable" movement in Pennsylvania of which Senator Knox is the proposed beneficiary, and this movement is being actively promoted by the administration. But if Mr. "Bull" Andrews has indeed been won to the administration side he will be a valuable asset in any plans the administration men in the convention may have in view.
The administration men will proceed, it is said, in other states to follow the same general practice of trying to conserve the Roosevelt sentiment, in this period of public restlessness, figuratively speaking, against a day of need when the flood gates may be raised and a tide released to bear forth such political cargoes as the administration may select.

REVOLT AGAINST CABRERA.

Mexico Learns of a Movement to Oust President.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 4.—From news which reached this city recently it is believed that serious trouble will soon break out in Guatemala. The Mexican government learns from a prominent person, who has just returned from that country, that in his opinion, unless all signs fail, Estrada Cabrera will be unseated as president of the republic or will have to fight to retain his office. Even before the Barrillas-Lima incident, this gentleman says, the spirit of revolution was rife. The assassination of Barrillas has goaded on the rebels so that they are ready to fight at the first opportunity.
It has been learned from a reliable source that the Mexican government is preparing for an emergency. Rumor has it that 30,000 men are being fully equipped for a two-month campaign, and that troops are being rapidly moved in small numbers to the Guatemalan frontier.

Annapolis Race Postponed.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., May 4.—The boat race between the Yale University eight and the first crew of the Naval Academy, scheduled to be rowed at 2 p. m. today, has been postponed for three hours owing to rough water.

Presentation to Mr. Yerkes.

John W. Yerkes, former commissioner of internal revenue, today was presented by the employees of the bureau with a handsome gold watch and a diamond pin, Chief Clerk Giovanni making the presentation speech.

INSTANTLY KILLED BY FALL

CHARLES J. GIER'S VICTIM OF DEFLORABLE ACCIDENT.

Clerk in Navy Department and Resident of Washington Since 1894—Native of Alabama.

Charles J. Giers of Alabama, a \$1.20 clerk in the adjutant general's office, met with a violent death at the War Department about 11:30 o'clock today. He fell from the fourth floor to the basement, down the stair well at the northeast corner of the building, a distance of about thirty feet, the left side of his forehead striking the marble tiling on the basement floor, crushing his skull. He died almost instantly.
Although several clerks and messengers were nearby at the time of the fall no one was able to explain exactly how it occurred, and the theory which obtained among the officials, and which was subsequently confirmed officially by the District coroner, was that Mr. Giers was seized with a spell of dizziness and lost his balance. He was a victim of locomotor ataxia and used a crutch in walking. The sound of his crutch falling on the marble floor was the first intimation to those nearby that Mr. Giers had fallen over the balustrade. A clerk on a lower floor said he saw the flight of the body down the stair well.

It was rumored at first that Mr. Giers had deliberately committed suicide, but there was absolutely no reason to justify the rumor, and it was disproved by the subsequent action of the coroner in giving a certificate of accidental death and permitting the removal of the remains.

The news of the accident spread like wildfire through the big building, and in a few minutes a large crowd of employees gathered at the scene. Among the first at hand was Capt. Poole, superintendent of the building, who summoned physicians and ordered the removal of the body to the emergency room on the basement floor, with the view to immediate treatment. If life was not entirely extinct. Two naval surgeons examined the body and pronounced the man dead, whereupon the coroner was notified with the result already stated.

Long a Resident of Washington.

Mr. Giers was a native of Alabama, but had been a resident of this city since January, 1894, when he secured an appointment as messenger in the surgeon general's office. He was promoted to a \$1,000 clerkship in that office, under civil service rules, in January, 1898, and in the following July was transferred to a \$1,200 clerkship in the record and pension office, now the adjutant general's office, and served there to date, until at 12 o'clock today, near the office. His wife survives him. Funeral arrangements are being made this afternoon.

JOINT TARIFF COMMISSION.

France Will Welcome Action by the United States for Its Creation.

PARIS, May 4.—The Associated Press is able to announce authoritatively that France will welcome any action by the United States looking to the creation of a joint tariff commission, similar to the one which sat at Berlin, with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory basis of settlement of questions in dispute. The present French government strongly favors a regime of reciprocal concessions, but at the same time it appreciates the strength of the demand of the French protectionists in favor of higher duties and the sentiment in favor of reprisals on the part of some French exporters because of what they term vexatious administrative regulations at New York.
In order to avoid drifting into a tariff war, therefore, the government considers the time opportune for representatives of the two countries to meet and consider the whole subject.

THE DEMPSEY ABDUCTION CASE.

Legality of Warrant Taken Under Adversity Until Monday.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 4.—Counsel for Robert S. Dickson, charged with

MRS. ROOSEVELT IN PERIL

THE PRESIDENT'S YACHT SYLPH IN COLLISION.

Ran Into the Naval Tug Tecumseh at the Navy Yard Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. Roosevelt and a party of friends, including Mrs. Bacon, the wife of Assistant Secretary Bacon of the State Department, were in a serious accident yesterday afternoon, and the facts did not leak out until today, when the presence at the White House of Capt. Roscoe C. Bulmer, commanding the Sylph, gave a tip that produced the material facts. Capt. Bulmer is understood to have gone to the White House to make an explanation of the accident, which may involve a court-martial, as somebody was to blame.
The facts are that Mrs. Roosevelt gave a luncheon party on board the Sylph to some friends in honor of Mrs. Clifford Richardson of New York, her guest, the party boarding the vessel at 12 o'clock in the day. The vessel went down the river and returned to the navy yard in the afternoon. Through some misunderstanding of orders the vessel went past its dock and crashed into the naval tug Tecumseh. The crash made kindling wood out of the somewhat noted racing launch of the Sylph, which was being towed alongside the vessel, and caused the mast of the tug to fall into the deck with a crash. It narrowly missed striking Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the ladies of the party.

For awhile there was consternation aboard the Sylph, the officers hastening to ascertain the facts and take care of the ladies, who at the time did not know how serious the accident might have been. The Sylph, however, was not struck in any vital part and was backed to its dock, where the party disembarked without further trouble.

Order Misunderstood.

From a good authority it is stated that the engineer of the vessel misunderstood an order to reverse his vessel as one to go forward, and it was through this misunderstanding that he sent the vessel ahead and crashed into the tug boat.
At the navy yard, where the accident occurred, it was stated this afternoon that it was not a serious one, as the Sylph was moving slowly. The Sylph had slowed down as she was making for her landing place. After she struck the Tecumseh the Sylph "side wiped" her.

Will Be Investigated.

It was also said the naval authorities of the yard are making an investigation of the matter and will report it to the Navy Department.

VICTOR E. NELSON HERE.

Charge of Financial Irregularities Without Foundation.

Mr. Victor E. Nelson, who was United States consul at Bergen, Norway, and resigned in 1903, is in this city. Mr. Nelson, it appears, was erroneously charged with some financial irregularities in connection with the distributing of the fund for the benefit of the relatives of the men who lost their lives in the Maine disaster. The charges were published at the time in The Star, the facts being furnished by what was supposed at the time to be a reliable source.

Count Hatzfeldt Counselor.

BERLIN, May 4.—The temporary appointment of Count Hermann von Hatzfeldt-Wildenburg, first secretary of the German embassy at Washington, as counselor of legation there has been made permanent.

Millions for Kiel Canal.

BERLIN, May 4.—The Reichstag has passed the first reading of the Kiel canal bill, which provides for \$3,750,000 as the first installment of the amount to be expended in widening and deepening the Kiel ship canal. Various speakers agreed that the enlargement was desirable, but blamed the government for failing to foresee originally that larger dimensions would become necessary. Herr Leonhart, radical, pointed out that the canal had too many curves in too short a radius.
It was further insisted that the additional expenditure of \$3,750,000, although the canal only cost \$40,000,000 originally, must be regarded as a heavy sacrifice on the part of the country, considering the fact that the present canal had not yet reached the stage of being able to pay the interest on the investment.
The bill was referred to a committee.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Question of Labeling Whisky to Be Reopened.

PROTEST BY THE DEALERS

Report on the Foundations of the Gatun Dam.

RESULT OF RECENT INQUIRY

Prominent Ohio Men Confer With the President—Gov. Deneen a Guest.

Such a widespread protest has been made against the recent refusal of the President, based upon a decision of Attorney General Bonaparte, as to labeling whisky, under the pure food act, that President Roosevelt has agreed to reopen the whole matter, and have the Attorney General hear all sides.

The President's decision to grant a rehearing was made today following protests to him by the wholesale liquor dealers of Massachusetts and Baltimore, Md. Senator Lodge presented the delegation from Massachusetts, which was headed by William A. Miller, while Representative Gill of Baltimore presented the men from that city. The President gave an attentive hearing to the protests, and agreed to ask Mr. Bonaparte to reopen the whole matter. Secretary Wilson, under whose department the pure food law is operated, was present at the conferences, but said that he happened to be there on other business.

Both the Massachusetts and Baltimore people submitted written protests against the ruling as to how whiskies should be labeled. The Baltimore delegation, representing fifty-five distilling, rectifying and wholesale liquor establishments, declared that millions of dollars would be lost in that city if the decision should stand. They say: "The effect of such a ruling would be to deprive an article of a name it has always had, a pure whisky, and to continue contemplated by the pure food law. We feel that the facts must have been misrepresented to you and the Attorney General, and we venture to state that you will see your way clear to reconsider the matter in such a way that all arguments, past and present, be given the open, and not secretly or surreptitiously, thus affording every interest an opportunity to hear and reply to every argument advanced pro and con."

The petition declares that the signers are as anxious as anybody to give the public what it desires in the way of pure drinks, but that under the present ruling the public will need protection instead of being protected.

Report on Gatun Dam.

Secretary Taft called at the White House today to show the President the report of the engineers whom he sent to examine the foundations of the Gatun dam on the Panama canal.

The report, which was made by Mr. Noble, Frederick P. Stearns and John R. Freeman, the engineers, reports that they personally inspected the five pits dug to determine the character of the rock below the level of the foundations of the lock walls. The deepest pit had a depth of over eighty-seven feet. The engineers individually descended into each of the test pits and found that the rock was of a fine grained bluish-gray rock, technically designated as argillaceous sandstone. One test was made by leading one square foot of the rock that had been uncovered by the digging of the pit, and the engineers, who were made by the engineers, with satisfactory results.

Besides the lock site at Gatun the engineers examined the site of the proposed regulating works. There they found the same sort of rock, and when subjected to a test failed only at 1,240 and 1,470 pounds per square inch. The conclusion is that a staple foundation exists at this point. Similar examinations were made at the site of the Pedro Miguel locks, and the conclusion in both cases was that the existing rock has sufficient strength to bear the proposed weight.

Prominent Ohio People Call.

Secretaries Taft and Garfield of the cabinet and Representative Burton of Ohio all happened to get together in the executive offices today. There was a brief interchange of political ideas, in which the President was too busy to join with any degree of attention. Secretary Taft spent just a few minutes with the President and then returned to his work, leaving Secretary Garfield and Representative Burton together. These two introduced the president of the Cleveland chamber of commerce, Mr. Trevaury, who invited President Roosevelt to make a speech before that body in September next. The President said he was compelled to decline. One of his reasons for declining was that the visit of the Illinois executive was of political significance.

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